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SUBJECT: JOINT S & T SUBCOMMISSION

REFS: A. NEW DELHI 15691, 11/21/74. B. STATE 262176, 11/28/74

1. THE CHARGE, COUNSELOR FOR SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS, AND SCIENCE ATTACHE MET TODAY WITH DR. NAG CHAUDHURI, INDIAN CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE S&T SUBCOMMISSION, DR. A. RAMACHANDRAN, SECRETARY DOST, AND ALTERNATE TO DR. NAG CHAUDHURI, AND DR. DESHPANDE, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DOST.

2. THE MEETING WAS CALLED BY DR. NAG CHAUDHURI TO REVIEW WITH US ON A FORMAL BASIS THE PREPARATION FOR S&T SUBCOMMISSION DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON.

3. DR. NAG CHAUDHURI FIRST MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING A PREVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE OFFICE OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND HOW OTHER US SCIENCE AGENCIES

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SUCH AS HEW, USDA, BUREAU OF STANDARDS, NSF, ETC. WILL FIT INTO

THE TOTAL PICTURE OF INDO-US SCIENCE COOPERATION. HE WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) TO THE FORMATION OF US SCIENCE POLICY, AND THE MECHANISMS OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION DISSEMINATION BETWEEN US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL.

4. DR. WILLIAMS PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF US SCIENCE POLICY AND ORGANIZATION AND, AT NAG CHAUDHURI'S REQUEST, AGREED TO SEND FURTHER DOCUMENTS TO THE DOST ON US SCIENCE POLICY AND ORGANIZATION. NAG CHAUDHURI FELT THAT EVEN THOUGH HE AND MANY OF HIS STAFF WERE FAMILIAR, IN GENERAL, WITH US SCIENCE POLICY, THAT HE WANTED TO BE WELL-PREPARED BEFORE THE MEETING WITH THIS BACKGROUND, HIS OWN BEING SOMEWHAT DATED.

5. DR. WILLIAMS FURTHER INDICATED THAT AS A RECIPROCAL GESTURE WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM THE DOST COPIES OF INDIAN S&T AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TOGETHER WITH PERTINENT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ON THE OPERATIONS UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS, INSOFAR AS THE GOI WANTED US TO HAVE THEM.

6. THE CHARGE ADVISED THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT THE GOI FELT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE OVERLAP BETWEEN THE S&T AND EDUCATION & CULTURE SUBCOMMISSIONS AND THAT UNIVERSITY SCIENCESHOULD COME UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE) AND THE SUBCOMMISSION ON EDUCATION & CULTURE. HENCE, THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (NEA) SUGGESTED THAT IF POSSIBLE THE SUBCOMMISSION SHOULD INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE SCIENTIST SINCE THIS WOULD BE A HEAVILY ACCENTED SUBJECT.

7. DR. NAG CHAUDHURI INDICATED THAT SCIENCE COULD NOT BE DIVORCED FROM EDUCATION ENTIRELY, SINCE IT AMOUNTS TO A CONSIDERABLE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM. HOWEVER, HE FELT THAT IN HIS POSITION AS VICE CHANCELLOR OF VNEHRU UNIVERSITY, HE WOULD ALSO BE A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION & CULTURE SUBCOMMISSION. THIS WOULD FORM A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS. DR. RAMACHANDRAN ADDED THAT CERTAINLY JOINT RESEARCH WOULD BE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE S&T SUBCOMMISSION.

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8. AT THE POINT DR. NAG CHAUDHURI ASKED IF WE COULD GIVE HIM THE NAMES OF THE US SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS. HE SAID THE INDIAN SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS HAD BEEN SELECTED AND WE WOULD RECEIVE A LIST IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. IN ADDITION TO THE ACTUAL MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMISSION, A TEAM OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISERS WILL ACCOMPANY THE GROUP AND HOPEFULLY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE MEETING AS OBSERVERS. ON AN UN-

OFFICIAL BASIS, HE GAVE US THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF SUB-COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- A. BAHUGUNA -MINISTRY OF ENERGY
- B. NAYUDAMMA -DIRECTOR GENERAL, CSIR
- C. KARTAR SINGH -ADDITIONAL SECRETARY -MINISTRY OF HEALTH
- D. MR. R. BOOMLA - REPRESENTATIVE FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
- E. SCIATT - MR. AMANDAKRISHNAN

NAGCHAUDHURI IS LEAVING DELHI FOR WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 23 AND IS VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE NAMES AND BACKGROUNDS OF THE US MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY.

9. AT THIS POINT THE AGENDA WAS DISCUSSED AND A COPY OF AN UNOFFICIAL DRAFT AGENDA HANDED OVER TO DESHPANDE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WAS FORMALLY GIVEN TO NAG CHAUDHURI. (TEXT TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL) THIS AGENDA HAD BEEN PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S ORIGINAL AGENDA PROPOSALS. (SEE REFERENCES A AND B ABOVE.) NAG CHAUDHURI AGREED THAT WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO WE WOULD RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL GOI BARE-BONES AGENDA. ON THE WHOLE, HOWEVER, THE DRAFT AGENDA LOOKED REASONABLE TO HIM.

10. IN CLOSING, DR. NAG CHAUDHURI CONFIDED HE FELT THAT THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION IS TO BUILD POLITICAL CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. S&T CONFIDENCE HAD ALREADY BEEN BUILD OVER MANY YEARS, AND THE S&T MEETINGS WILL MERELY ADD TO A VERY FIRM FOUNDATION. HE HOPES THAT THE DISCUSSIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN EACH OF THE SUBSOMMISSIONS WILL INCREASE OUR POLITICAL CONFIDENCE, THEREBY ALLOWING COOPERATION TO PROSPER.

11. COMMENTS: AS EVIDENCED FROM THIS MEETING AND OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRACTS WITH OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH S&T, THE INDIANS ARE APPROACHING THIS FIRST MEETING VERY SERIOUSLY HOPING THAT RELATIONSHIPS CAN BE IMPROVED, NOT ONLY IN THESE SUBJECT FIELDS, BUT ALSO POLITICALLY.

12. ASAP PLEASE SEND US THE NAMES OF THE US S&T SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS, THE NAMES OF OTHERS ATTENDING FROM CONCERNED US AGENCIES, TOGETHER WITH DESCRIPTION OF THEIR BACKGROUND WHICH WE MAY GIVE TO NAY CHAUDHURI.  
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